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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2005 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)		Docket Number (Optional) 42377-00012USPX	
Application Number 10/048131-Conf. #2845		Filed January 23, 2002	
For A CUTTING BLADE FOR A SURGICAL INSTRUMENT			
Art Unit 3731		Examiner M. H. Thaler	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
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<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	\$
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.			
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<input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 10-0447. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.			
I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.			
<input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 47,764			
<input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34			
<u>Michael W. Maddox</u> Signature		<u>December 20, 2005</u> Date	
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

1. Petition for Two (2) Month Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a); and
2. Check in the amount of \$450.00 for Two Month Extension of Time fee.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 10-0447, under Order No. 42377-00012USPX.

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